

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 10, 1999, Maine EMS Office, Augusta, Maine
 Members Present: J. Caron, D. Palladino, L. Worden, K. Pomelow, G. Miller,
 Maine EMS Staff: D. Corning
 Guests:
 Absent: J. Brinkman, Dr. Chagrasulis, P. Plumer, P Thibeault, C. Boehm, L. Delano, P. Conley, D. Robishaw, B. Zito, P. Marcolini,
 S. Shapleigh, B. Davis, B. Demchak
 Timekeeper: L. Worden

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
Additions to Agenda	Item VI.a. was added to the agenda by staff.	
Ratification of Minutes, October 13, 1999	Motion: Accept minutes of October 13, 1999 as presented. Palladino/Worden Passed	✓ Distribute and file.
Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rules hearings are scheduled for November 8, 10, 12, & 16, each hearing will be attended by at least 2 Board members and Jay or Drexell. ✓ Block Grant Funding Cut: After meetings between Jay, our Commissioner, and the DHS, our Block Grant of \$192,597 has been cut by \$105,000 (rather than the full amount originally planned), and DHS is supporting our request to the Legislature for additional funding, as part of the Governor's special budget request. ✓ Jay reported from his National Directors conference that the EMT-Intermediate curriculum is still considered to be full of problems, and that the EMT-P curriculum seems to be taking about 800-1200 hours to go from EMT-B to EMT-P. ✓ Bill Montejo is actively involved in rewriting the EMS HazMat program, which will now include WMD components. There will be a Train the Trainer program, probably in late winter or spring, to train 2 instructors from each region. People interested in becoming EMS HazMat instructors should contact their regional offices. 	✓ There were no action items generated from this report.
EMT-Intermediate Update	Dwight is anticipating responses from the four Education Committee members reviewing	✓ Dwight to update curriculum based on recommended changes to draft 2, as

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the 2nd draft of the EMT-I curriculum. Once those response are received a final draft will be produced. Soon as those recommendations are received.

I/C Program

The Education Committee reviewed the document listing I/C guidelines that are the same as well as those that are NOT the same, and began developing a list of proposed guidelines that would become the state minimums if accepted by all regions. ✓ Dwight Corning will update the current draft of I/C Guideline to reflect what has been agreed to so far.

- ✎ Many regions currently require yearly attendance at an I/C workshop, but the recommendation is to NOT mandate this guideline. Any hours earned by attending an I/C workshop would apply to the 12 or 24 hours of continuing education specifically designed to address educational issues.
- ✎ The “preference that all licensure classes be taught by an I/C licensed to provide care at least one level higher than the program being conducted” was removed, and “Level II Lead Instructor - BLS, and Level II Lead Instructor - ALS” was changed to “Level II Lead Instructor - BLS, Level II Lead Instructor - Intermediate, and Level II Lead Instructor - Paramedic”.
- ✎ The guideline that an I/C “must be a certified AHA or American Red Cross CPR Instructor and remain so throughout EMS courses to be instructed” was added.
- ✎ Proposed guideline was added that an I/C who is a MEMS licensed provider would need a standardized question form completed by their service director, if they were not a licensed provider the form would not be required.
- ✎ “Must maintain current licensure status with Maine EMS” was moved to a proposed requirement.
- ✎ “Must be within full compliance of the Maine EMS Act of 1982 (current revision), Maine EMS System Rules (current revision), and other public related laws” was moved to a proposed requirement.
- ✎ “Must have no felony or criminal convictions” was changed to the wording from MEMS licensure application “Have you ever been convicted in a court of law for any offense”, and “have you ever had any action taken against any professional license or certification you currently hold or have ever held”. Anyone found to be unlicensable by Maine EMS for these reasons could not become a MEMS I/C.
- ✎ “Must maintain a satisfactory standing based on evaluations” was removed.
- ✎ “Must reside within the EMS region providing sponsorship” was removed.
- ✎ “Must be approved by the regional Education Committee” was removed, as not all regions have an Education Committee.

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✎ “Must teach one course per year” was changed to “Provide 100 hours of education in each 3 year certification period.” Tracking this would be the responsibility of the I/C and sponsoring region.

Discussion on this topic will continue at the December meeting. The first and last bullet under “I/C Guidelines that are NOT the same similar across regions” remain to be discussed.

NSC Update

There was no new information to update the Education Committee with, at this time. ✓ Information only

Mary Jane Parks request

Dwight inquired of the Education Committee as whether or not individual requests for waivers of part of the I/C requirements could be handled by MEMS staff much as other waiver requests are, rather than going to the Education Committee. The Committee felt that based on precedence, waiver requests should come before the whole committee. The Education Committee reviewed the educational training and experience of Mary Jane Parks, who requested a waiver from taking an Instructor/Coordinator program. Region representatives to the Education Committee advised that this request had already been brought to the regional Education Committee, and was denied. **Motion: That the request for waiver of completion of a full Maine EMS approved I/C program be denied. Miller/Worden Passed** ✓ Dwight will advise Mary Jane Parks that this waiver request has been denied

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Next Meeting: December 3, 1999 9:00am - 12:00pm Joint Meeting with the Operations Team.

Next Regular Education Committee Meeting: December 8, 1999 9:00 am - noon